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FOLLOWING CABLE SENT ACTION LILONGWE FROM KABUL APRIL 28
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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KABUL 2933

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FOR AMBASSADOR STEVENSON FROM PFENDER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, MI

SUBJ: FUNSANI DETENTION

REF: LILONGWE 600

1. CERTAINLY RECALL ARCHIVIST CONFERENCE, HELD BOTH IN
BLANTYRE AND ALSO IN ONE OF LAKESHORE HOTELS. FUNSANI WAS
MEMBER OF MALAWI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP PAID FOR BY
USIS, AND ATTENDED SEVERAL EVENTS SUCH AS THIS IN COMPANY WITH
SUCH PERSONS AS MR. RYE, HEAD OF NATIONAL LIBRARY, HEAD BRITISH
COUNCIL LOCAL, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS AND OTHERS.

2. CANNOT REMEMBER EXACT DATE BUT ON FUNSANI'S RETURN HE
MENTIONED THAT THE MEETING WAS OVERWHELMED BY SPECIAL BRANCH
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MEMBERS SO OBVIOUSLY THAT THEY CAST PALL OVER EVENT, PARTICULARLY
SINCE GUESTS CAME FROM AS FAR AWAY, I BELIEVE, AS KENYA AND
BLS COUNTRIES. I FURTHER REMEMBER THERE WAS ANOTHER MALAWIAN
PRESENT AT CONVERSATION, BUT NOW THE HARD PART.

3. I HAVE SEARCHED MEMORY AND I DO NOT HAVE HINT OF RECALL
OF MEETING SIMONS OR ANY OTHER PERSON FROM OUTSIDE MALAWI

WHO ATTENDED. FURTHER, IT WOULD APPEAR MOST UNLIKELY THAT THERE COULD HAVE BEEN EXCHANGES ABOUT SHIPPING BOOKS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY AROUND OUR COLLECTION SINCE AUGUST OF 1975. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO RELIEVE FUNSANI OF THIS BURDEN, AND, IN ADDITION TO INFORMING THE AUTHORITIES THAT HE WAS AT A SEMINAR AUTHORIZED BY THE PAO, IF YOU THINK IT FEASIBLE, THE POINT COULD BE STRETCHED THAT FUNSANI DID MENTION TO ME THE SUBJECT OF FURNISHING SUCH MATERIAL. I REALIZE THIS COULD BE VERY STICKY SINCE I AM SURE POLICE MIGHT HAVE OTHER STRINGS.

4. ANOTHER THING COMES TO MIND NOW. THERE WERE SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA IN TROUBLE OVER A PROTEST MEETING DURING THE ANGOLA AFFAIR. SIMONS' NAME SOMEHOW RINGS A BELL, BUT I MAY BE MISTAKEN. IF THIS THE CASE, CAN SEE THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM. BEST LUCK, BEST REGARDS.
LYDON UNQUOTE
STEVENSON

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